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To the PUBLICK.

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To the PRINTERS.

GENTLEMEN,

BY the Copy of John Norton's Letter, published in the Supplement to your Gazette of the 8th Instant (which I did not see till this Morning) I find I am therein charged with injuring his Character, and being guilty of two odious Crimes, Falsehood and Ingratitude; I shall therefore endeavour, by this Publication, to wipe away such foul Charges, well knowing that I have not been guilty of either to Mr. Norton.

He has taken Occasion to enumerate the Civilities I received from him whilst in London, which, after observing that they did not equal, much less exceed, those I received from many other Persons, I will pass over till I come to the £. 100 which he mentions, and which his Correspondent upbraided me with in the publick Streets of Williamsburg. If I was ever under any Obligation to him on that Account, he and his Correspondent have between them made it exceeding small; but the Transaction was as follows: A few Days before my Departure from England, I applied to the Honourable George William Fairfax, then in London, to lend me £. 100; he said it was inconvenient for him to furnish me with it at that Time, but that he would accept my Draught on him in Favour of Mr. Norton for £. 100 payable in six Months. The Matter was thus negociated, and the Merchant advanced me, not £. 100, but £. 97: 10, retaining £. 2: 10 for Interest. If this should be no Obligation (to the Merchant I mean) I am acquitted of the Charge of Ingratitude, but stand yet loaded with the other Part of my Burthen, and therefore shall attempt to shake it off. To effect this I will plead Justification to Part, and *not guilty* to the rest.

First, then. It is certain that John Norton did not sign the Petition against the Boston Port Bill, and it is as certain that he was solicited to do it, both personally and by warm and pathetick Advertisements addressed to the American Merchants, and other Friends of America; and two different Meetings were thereby appointed, and absolutely held at the Thatch'd House in London. If he had attended when thus solicited, he would have seen the Petition before it was in Print; he must therefore excuse me when I say, I think he did see it before it was in Print. But, admitting he did not, what is the Inference? *Coolness* and *Indifference* in the *Cause*.

But, to proceed in my Justification: I arrived in Virginia, and then at Williamsburg, immediately after the Dissolution of an Assembly; my Countrymen, agitated with that Event, and the Causes that produced it, surrounded me and inquired after their Interest in England, and were exceedingly eager to know their Friends from their Foes, but more particularly questioned me about the Petition against the Boston Port Bill, and desired to know why it was supported by so small a Number. Would Mr. Norton, or his Correspondent, desire me to forge Falsehoods? For I declare, if Mr. N[illegible] had made me a Present of the £. 97: 10, it could not have given one good Reason why he did not sign the Petition, or shew a becoming Warmth in the Matter.

It is not to be expected I can now recollect every Thing I then said, or Answer I gave; I can only say that I attempted to speak Truth, and said, that in *my own Opinion*, the American Merchants who had not signed the Petition were lukewarm, and appeared more anxious to get Payment of their Debts from the Americans, than to take any Steps in their Favour towards a Reconciliation of the Disputes between them and Great Britain; and that they either laughed at the Petition, or treated it with Ridicule and Contempt.

But by Mr. Norton's Son's Letter to him (or rather his imperfect Recital of Parts of it) the Publick are to suppose that I, in the Course of the above Inquiry, have alleged that Mr. John Norton in particular said "he did not care if the Americans "were at the Devil, or if the Devil had them, so he had his Debts:" Here my Plea of *not guilty* must come in, for I declare I never said so. And if Mr. Norton was particularly named by me, it is more likely it proceeded from Questions asked by some of his inquisitive Acquaintance, than any Design of mine to injure him; for surely my private Opinion cannot effect a Merchant, without his own Conduct should contribute to justify the Charge.

Keep the Original when you publish the Copy, that Mr. Norton and I may have a fair Trial; and remember, the Plea of *not guilty* may be tried in Virginia, but Justification must be tried in Westminster Hall; where I hope the honest, brave, and bold Americans, Franklin, Lee, Hobson, Johnson, &c. may be suffered to compose a Part of the Jury.

Mr. Norton tells you my Estate is encumbered, I therefore send a small Fee for Publication, though I am satisfied you would give a poor Man fair Play; but I do assure you I can pay twenty Shillings in the Pound.

Give my Compliments to the honest Associator, and tell him, if no other Person can answer his Queries put in the above mentioned Supplement, to apply to his, and Gentlemen,

Your very humble Servant,
FADLS of POTOWMACK, *Dec.* 20, 1774. JOHN BALLENDINE.

By the TIGER, *Capt.* HALL, *in six weeks from* LONDON, *arrived in* JAMES *river, we have the following* ADVICES.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

BASTIA *(Capital of the island of Corsica)* SEPT. 29.

THE fort of Aleria, which a troop of banditti had taken possession of, has been invested since the 9th of this month. Some pieces of cannon were transported thither to batter it; and, by the precaution taken, the banditti must have perished, or surrendered themselves; but at the instant we were preparing to attack them, they made an opening of two feet in the middle of the fort, and found means to escape through our detachments without being annoyed. On the 19th inst. the bakehouse and magazines of ammunition took fire, and considerable damage was done.

MADRID *(Capital of Spain) October* 3. We learn from Biscay, that the contagious distemper among the horned cattle, which had occasioned a very considerable loss on the frontier of that province, has extended to the gates of the towns of Bilboa and Saint Sebastian, and hath there made such a terrible ravage, that in some places not one beast remains alive.

PARIS *(Capital of France) October* 14. The Archbishop of Aix hath obtained permission of the King, that all the magistrates who composed the parliament of that city may return from exile.

STOCKHOLM *(Capital of Sweden) October* 11. We learn from Husum, that they have an order from the Courts of Madrid and Naples for as many iron cannon as they can cast in the space of two years. The cannon of that foundry are in great request since the order which prohibits the exportation of them without having been first proved.

PETERSBURG *(Capital of Russia) October* 7. The rebellion is now at an end, and the tranquillity of this empire restored by the taking of the rebel Pugatcheff, who has been so long the disturber of it. The Empress received this agreeable and important news by a courier who arrived this morning from General Panin, with an account that the above-mentioned traitor had been bound hand and foot by some of the Cossacks of the Yaick, who were his adherents. These people informing General Panin of their having secured him, and of their readiness to submit, the General immediately sent Prince Galitzin to seize Pugatcheff. The people in the revolted provinces have since, upon General Panin's arrival among them, returned to their duty. The General is at present at a town called Pensa, the first that declared in favour of Pugatcheff, the inhabitants of which have submitted and obtained pardon, except fifteen of the most culpable, who were hanged.

COPENHAGEN *(Capital of Denmark) October* 21. This evening the marriage of his Royal Highness Prince Frederick, with the Princess Sophia Frederica of Mecklenbourgh Schwerin, was celebrated in the chapel of the palace of Christiansburg.

HAMBURG *(in Germany) October* 24. We have just now received an account from Stetin, that a merchant there having collected a large quantity of gunpowder, set fire thereto, and blew himself up, with his house and whole family. It is not yet known how many persons lost their lives on the occasion, nor what damage the town has sustained.

VIENNA *(Capital of lower Austria) October* 19. The Court has nominated the Count de Firmian, our principal Minister at Milan, to go to Rome, in order to assist there at the election of a Pope. Cardinal Migazzi, Archbishop of this city, will set out to-morrow for Rome; and Cardinal Viscounti, Nuncio of the Holy See, will follow him on the 26th of this month.

LONDON, *October* 29.

LETTERS from Hamburg advise, that the Swedes are busy in their ports about fitting 12 ships of war, which it is given out are intended for France.

As there is expected to be an increased balance in the Lower House this sessions, the Upper House, we hear, is to be equally strengthened; for this purpose there are therefore to be six Commoners called up to the House of Peers, amongst which an Irish Lord, who lately resigned standing candidate for a great commercial city, is to be one.

Yesterday morning died the Reverend Dr. Ewer, Bishop of Bangor, after a lingering illness of many months; his Lordship was likewise Canon of Windsor. By his decease, many valuable preferments in the Church are now vacant.

Thursday night a very singular interment was performed at the parish church of St. John's, Horsleydown. An old waterman, aged 72, had ordered his funeral, which passed as follows:

The parish children singing hymns.
The BODY.
The pall supported by six watermen in coats and badges.
Chief mourner.
A porter carrying a pair of sculls painted black; a knot half black half white; and six brushes used for painting the bottoms of boats.
The son of the deceased in his father's wedding clothes.
Other mourners — two and two.

Previous to the moving of the procession 155 poor children had each a roll and treacle given them.

The expenses of this funeral were paid eight years ago, except those for the rolls and treacle, which had been paid for four years.

Physical Anecdote.——A gentleman extremely oppressed with low spirits, applied for relief to the late Dr. Radcliffe. The Doctor told him his receipt was in the hands of a physician at Exeter, to whom he sent him with a letter. The Exeter physician had lent it to a brother of the faculty at Edinburgh; to him the invalid posted, but the remedy was in the hands of a Dublin Doctor. Crossing the sea, he found that the Irishman had just transmitted it to Dr. Radcliffe in London. When he came to town, the Doctor asked him the state of his health. "Why (said he) I have had an excellent round, for I have lost my disorder." "That (replied the Doctor) was the medicine I sent you after."

The pregnancy of the Queen of France has already been announced, and has been received with the utmost joy throughout that kingdom. She is universally beloved; which is not to be wondered at; for, by her conduct, she gives an excellent example to every Lady, and her good nature and condescension is such, that the meanest subject in her dominions, in some degree, experiences the benefit of them.

Yesterday a number of people attended in Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, expecting the Lord Mayor elect would have waited on the Lord Chancellor for his Majesty's approbation. The day, we are assured from very good authority, will be fixed for Thursday next.

Alderman Trecothick, it is said, intends to apply to the Court of Aldermen for leave to resign his gown, on account of his infirmities, which prevents his attending his duty at Guildhall.

An evening paper says, "it is strongly reported that Lord Chatham will be appointed Secretary of State for the Northern Department; and that Lord Camden will again preside in the Court of Chancery; the present Chancellor to be President; and other changes are talked of to take place soon after the meeting of the new Parliament."

Notwithstanding the cavils raised against the late alteration of the coin, the event has proved the excellence of the measure; the evil is remedied, and the nation has been only put to the expense of 25,000l. for a new coinage; whereas, in the reign of King William, a like measure lost government 1,200,000l. and besides threw the first lower orders of the people into such distress, that for a time there was not money in circulation sufficient for their weekly wages.

They write from Senegal, that the slaves on board a French ship on the African coast had risen and murdered all the crew, except a white woman and a passenger on board; after which the vessel foundered in a gale of wind, when the savages were drowned, except three and the above woman, who were taken up by an English frigat.

A plan, it is said, has been drawn up lately at Dublin, and is intended to be presented to government for reducing a considerable number of unnecessary pensions and salaries, which, from the many reasons given, it is thought will be adopted.

A daily paper has the following paragraph: We hear that the Chancellor of France has had his head struck off by command of the King, for speaking disrespectful words of the Queen's honour.

Extract of a Letter from PARIS, *October* 27.

"We are informed, from good authority, that several of the late Ministry have been impeached, and that the King has appointed a committee to make the strictest inquiry into the matter in question. It is supposed that very interesting secrets will be revealed in the course of examining some very important things, which were going forwards at the latter end of the late reign.

"It is positively known, during the whole time that Lord M——d was not seen here, nor at court (when several were then of opinion that he returned to England) he was all that time at the country seat of Duke d'Aiguillon, with whom he conferred six or seven successive days, at which, as it is supposed, matters were settled far from being interesting to France; and, if we can credit a report which is whispered here since, the Duke went to England.

"Proper orders are now issued from court for preparing every thing for the consecration of his Majesty, which is now fixed to be solemnized on the 16th of June next, at Rheims."

Yesterday Elizabeth Grieve, commonly called the Honourable Mrs. Grieve, was tried at Hicks's Hall for defrauding divers persons of several sums of money, under pretence of procuring them places under the Government, and sentenced to be transported for seven years. This is the woman who a few years since rendered herself so famous at the Publick Office, Bow street, having pretended to be the friend of the Prime Minister, cousin to the Duke of Grafton, and to have various connections of the first rank.

October 31. The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baronet of Great Britain unto William Pepperell, Esq; [illegible] ton, in the province of Massachusetts Bay, in America.

Lord Bute is now forming a plan that will thoroughly [illegible] amends to the people of England for all the supposed [illegible] have received from him.

An attempt having lately been made to ſet the city of Montreal on fire, the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec has iſſued a Proclamation, and offered a reward of 200 Spaniſh dollars for diſcovery of the offenders.

Nov. 1. The patriots have reſolved, as ſoon as the Houſe of Commons ſits for buſineſs, to cenſure the proceeding of the late Houſe, in daring to deny right of repreſentation to Middleſex, by refuſing their member, Mr. Wilkes, and admitting Col. Lutterell, who was not choſen by the county.

A letter received from Boſton, dated Sept. 14, ſays that a duel had been fought there between an Enſign in the army and a tradeſman of that place, wherein the latter was twice run through the body, and expired the next morning in great agony.

This week, it is expected, will bring account of the proceedings of the American Congreſs, and according to the moſt prevailing opinion among the merchants, it is, that the Congreſs's firſt reſolution will be to pay for the tea deſtroyed at Boſton, as the firſt neceſſary ſtep towards giving the Miniſtry a good opinion of their proceedings, without which it is doubtful whether any petition, addreſs, or remonſtrance, will be regarded.

The Dey of Algiers has within this laſt fortnight given our ſovereign very great reaſon to believe he has a great eſteem for England, and is very deſirous to cultivate its friendſhip; at the ſame time expreſſes his deteſtation of the Court of Spain. Whether theſe profeſſions will be the prologue to any ſervices to be experienced by us, or to any injuries to the Court of Spain, it ſeems is a matter of doubt with our Miniſtry.

Laſt Monday night died, at Bothell Caſtle, in Scotland, her Grace the Dutcheſs of Douglaſs.

November 2. The Earl of Cholmondeley ſet out for his houſe in Piccadilly, on Monday morning laſt, for Paris.

Extract of a letter from ST. OMER'S, *October* 25.

"Smuggling between France and North America goes on apace at preſent. All the manufacturers at Lyons, Nyme, and Nantz, work night and day to load American ſhips. This you may depend on as a real truth. a French officer of my particular acquaintance, juſt come hither with his regiment from Breſt and Port l'Orient, aſſures me that French India goods roſe 20 per cent. in one day at Port l'Orient, by the arrival of ſome American ſhips at that port. What a ſtrange ſet of men they muſt be, to remit to France all their ready money, and to keep their creditors in England without a ſixpence!"

Yeſterday a Court of Aldermen was held at Guildhall, when Alderman Trecothick begged leave to reſign his gown, as Alderman of Vintry Ward, which the Court accepted. There are three candidates for that office, viz. Nathaniel Newman, Eſq; wholeſale grocer, in Botolph Lane, and the late Sheriffs Lee and Sayre.

Next Friday the two ſheriffs, with the city Remembrancer, will go to invite the nobility, foreign miniſters, &c. to the Lord Mayor's feaſt at Guildhall, the 9th inſt. among others to be invited are the following, viz. the Lord High Chancellor, Duke of Anceſter, Duke of Grafton, Lord North, Earl of Dartmouth, Earl of Rochford, Earl of Suffolk, Earl of Sandwich, Earl of Hertford, Earl Gower, Lord Talbot, Lord Viſcount Townſend, Sir Thomas Sewell, Count Townſend, Sir Flether Norton, Sir William Meredith, &c.

On Monday died, at his apartments near Weſtminſter ſchool, Maſter William Gage, ſecond ſon of General Gage, now at Boſton.

It is a pity, ſays a correſpondent, but what our countrymen would pay leſs attention to party diſputes, or, if they pleaſe ſo to term them, the grand affairs of the nation, and more regard to the fine arts; which, from ſeveral late examples, ſeem to require nothing but due encouragement, to riſe equal, if not ſuperiour, in England, to what they ever yet have been in the boaſted regions of France and Italy. In the St. James's magazine this month, the publick are preſented with a portrait of Moliere, the celebrated dramatick poet, which, in whatever light examined, cannot but give pleaſure to the niceſt connoiſſeur. When we conſider the correct beauty of its expreſſion, and the animated boldneſs, yet delicacy of its deſign, we cannot ſcruple to pronounce it a moſt capital production of an artiſt who does credit to this kingdom.

The miſcreants of power in this once happy kingdom have now nearly reduced it, by their arbitrary and ſcandalous proceedings, to a moſt dangerous and wretched ſituation. By a diſpute with America (which they ought to have prevented, inſtead of provoked) we are deprived of the advantages reſulting from their trade and commerce; an advantage which our rivals, the Dutch, are already improving, by lading their veſſels for America with thoſe very articles which our wiſe Counſellors have, through fear, prohibited. Britons! How long will you remain the dupes of penſioned hirelings, and behold yourſelves robbed and plundered of your trade?

The proclamation againſt ſending guns and gunpowder out of this kingdom will be of very little uſe or effect, becauſe the Americans will certainly procure whatever quantity of them they want from Holland, France, or Spain; and if orders were given to ſtop and ſeize ſuch ſhips as were laden with the above commodities by thoſe nations, it would bring on an immediate war with them; an event which our preſent deſpicable miniſtry dare not hazard with any foreign power, though they aſſume courage ſufficient to ſend fleets and armies to cut the throats of our American brethren.

A board of treaſury is ſummoned to meet this day at Whitehall, on important affairs.

Yeſterday a meſſenger was ſent from Lord Rochford's office, with deſpatches to Lord Stormont, at Paris.

The laſt letters from Gibraltar mention, that three Algerine Corſairs had lately taken a Spaniſh man of war and a frigat, as they were cruiſing on the Barbary coaſt, and carried them into Algiers, the engagement was very ſmart and bloody, which continued upwards of two hours, in which the man of war ſtaved ſeveral planks, and became ſo leaky that ſhe was obliged to ſubmit to the Barbarians, or go to the bottom.

Letters from Hamburg mention, that the magiſtrates have forbidden the Pruſſian officers to raiſe any more recruits in that city, which occaſions various ſpeculations.

At Rome, as our private letters import, all things are preparing for the election of another ſucceſſour to St. Peter. A proceſſion of Cardinals to the conclave paraded from the Church of the Vatican on the 5th of laſt month, in the evening of which day their Eminences entered the ſacred building. On a ſcrutiny it appeared that Cardinal Boſchi had ſeventeen voices; but the Spaniſh ambaſſadour is ſaid to have entered a formal PROTEST againſt any election until the arrival of the Spaniſh Cardinals. Thus, this mockery of holineſs, this farce of election is retarded or accelerated, as the temporal power and intereſts of the Catholick Princes ſhall decide; and thus a Pontiff, who is ſuppoſed to be choſen, as was MATTHIAS in the place of ISCARIOT by DIVINE LOT, is in fact, elevated to the Papal Divinity by the influence of POLITICAL INTRIGUE.

In the ſeveral inſcriptions on the late Pope's bier he is not COMPLIMENTED for having conſented to the ſuppreſſion of the JESUITS. A clear proof that even Catholicks allow, in that particular, his Holineſs was FALLIBLE. The matter of fact is, that the good Father was ſolely actuated by temporal motives through the whole of the affair; had the Jeſuits not been RICH, Popes would not have commenced their enemies; as, had they not been far ſuperiour to the reſt of mankind in mental acquirements, Princes would not have combined to make OUTCASTS of thoſe whom nature qualified to figure in the various departments of civilized life.

The Chance, Campbell, from Virginia to London, is put back to refit, having ſprung a leak.

Nov. 3. Orders are given from the War Office for all on furlow to join their reſpective regiments immediately wherever they are, whether in garriſon or otherwiſe.

The Parliament will have enough to do to wade through the buſineſs of conteſted elections. The petitions to be laid before them at the firſt ſitting, beſides the being numerous, ſome of them are very copious and elaborate; ſo that the nation's concerns muſt ſtand ſtill till they can ſettle the terms of their own exiſtence; and it is expected that there will be old 'ſending and proving, wrangling and jangling, within the walls of St. Stephen's Chapel.

Extract of a letter from COPENHAGEN, *October* 20.

"I believe all Europe will be ſurpriſed at the ſudden and ſtrange revolution that will ſoon happen in this kingdom. Many of thoſe that were the moſt active in the diſgrace and exile of our moſt amiable Queen, and the principle cauſe of the deaths of the two unfortunate Counts, are forbid the Court, ſo that there is almoſt a total change of the Miniſtry, the Queen Dowager and Prince Frederick are now not admitted into the King's preſence; his Majeſty is determined not to act ſolely under the directions of his Council, but in ſome meaſure to be guided by his own opinion; and as he gives cloſe attention to ſtate affairs, there is no doubt but in a ſhort time he will be as good a politician as any in Europe, and I doubt not but that we ſhall once again be a happy people. Expreſſes are daily paſſing to and from Zell, from which it is conjectured that there is ſomething upon the carpet to reſtore the Queen to the arms of her royal ſpouſe, and the enjoyment of her children, whom ſhe has a long time wiſhed to ſee.

Hiſtory informs us that the Romans, in the decline of their empire practiſed on each other the civility of kiſſing and embracing: The Engliſh, fond of following the examples of thoſe people, always pick out their worſt for imitation; among which is that of the men kiſſing one another, which is certainly odious, and it is feared will be accompanied with the ſame conſequences as it was among the Romans,—Decline of Empire, &c.

Yeſterday their Majeſties came from Kew to the Queen's houſe, and his Majeſty went afterwards to St. James's, where there was a levee; the Earl Dartmouth attended, as did Lord Barrington, who had a long conference with the King after the levee was over.

The Earl of Morton died in Sicily on the 28th of September. His Lordſhip has left two ſons by his Lady, who is couſin to the Earl of Hadinton, and was at Naples when he died. His Lordſhip was a candidate, and it was thought would have been choſen one of the ſixteen to repreſent the Peerage of Scotland at the enſuing election. The Earl of Aberdeen will be choſen in his ſtead.

Orders are given by the Lords of the Treaſury for forty tuns of new halfpence and farthings to be ſtruck off at the tower immediately.

Laſt night the priſoners, to the amount of one hundred, who are under ſentence of tranſportion, were removed from Newgate, and put on board a cloſe lighter at Blackfriars, to be embarked on board a ſhip in the river bound to America.

Extract of a letter from EDINBURGH, *Octo.* 25.

"By the liſt of the ſixteen Scots Peers who are likely to be elected, the Earls of Breadalbane, Dalhouſie, Morton, and Galloway, are to come in, in place of the Marquis of Lothian, the Earls of Dunmore, Stair, and Errol."

Extract of a letter from PLYMOUTH, *Octo.* 25.

"Sailed his Majeſty's ſhips, Somerſet, Capt. Le Cras, and Boyne, Capt. Hartwell, for Boſton; the two ſhips have on board upwards of two hundred marines, beſides officers; it is ſaid they are to be put on board the ſhips of war at Boſton, if Admiral Greaves thinks it neceſſary. It is thought the ſeaſon is too far advanced for the two ſhips to reach Boſton; therefore it is much doubted, if they will not be obliged to go for the Weſt Indies until the ſpring.

Extract of a letter from GIBRALTAR, *Octo.* 20.

"An engagement has juſt happened off Oran, between a Spaniſh man of war of forty guns, a frigat of thirty, and a ſquadron of Algerine corſairs, conſiſting of one ſhip of thirty two guns, two Xebecques of twenty four guns, and four from eighteen guns to twelve. The Spaniſh ſhips were bound for Barcelona, and having their ports hauled cloſe, were miſtaken by the corſairs for two merchantmen, and in conſequence of the miſtake they gave chace, and fired ſeveral guns at the Spaniards before they diſcovered themſelves, when two of the ſmaller Xebecques were ſunk by broadſides from the Spaniards; the large ſhip maintained the fight for ſome time, but was at laſt taken, and the others made their eſcape."

Nov. 5. They write from Gibraltar, that ſeven ſail of Spaniſh men of war had juſt paſſed the Gut with ſeveral tranſports under convoy, which appeared full of troops, ſaid to be bound to Carthagena in the Weſt Indies.

We hear that when it was under conſideration in the Cabinet, whether John Wilkes, Eſq; ſhould be approved of as Lord Mayor by the Chancellor, a Member obſerved, "it was much better to permit him to be *Lord Mayor* for *one Year*, than *King of the city*, for *life*.

Extract of a letter from FONTAINBLEAU, *Octo.* 21.

"Mr. De Chotinſky, Counſellor of Legation, from the Empreſs of Ruſſia at this Court, had a private audience of his Majeſty the day before yeſterday, and delivered to him a letter from her Imperial Majeſty, which it is aſſured is nearly in the following terms:

"The aſſurances your Majeſty has given me, ſince your acceſſion to the crown, of your cordial and pacifick diſpoſition, do not permit my deferring a moment to inform you that the author of the revolt, which had begun to ſpread itſelf on the confines of my dominions, is in my power. I ſhall keep his diſpoſitions ſecret, that they may not aggravate the diſgraces of thoſe who ſet him on. The fidelity of my troops, and the confidence I have in my ſubjects, never alarmed me ſo much, as by obliging me to expoſe their lives for the preſervation of their ſafety. This event will not a little ſtrengthen the ſacred promiſe I made them of my endeavours being wholly employed to promote their happineſs, and the crowned heads are too much intereſted in it to admit of delay in making it known to them, &c. CATHARINE."

"By a letter from Rome, from good authority, we are informed that the Pope was poiſoned by a ſallad, in which ſome hemlock was mixed, an herb which reſembles chervil; it is the moſt ſubtle poiſon the botaniſts are acquainted with. None of the officers and domeſticks who eat of the victuals that were left received any injury, except the cook, who is dead; he eat up the remains of the ſallad himſelf, not ſuffering any one to partake of it with him."

"If a private letter from Italy may be credited, the perſon who poiſoned the late Pope is diſcovered to be one who was highly in his Holineſs's good graces, and whom the Jeſuits found means to bribe to execute their horrid deſigns."

Thurſday morning a man was taken at a publick houſe in Holborn, charged with being a deſerter from one of the regiments of guards. As they were going to hand cuff him, he begged leave to go to the privy firſt, whither he was accompanied by two men, for fear of his making his eſcape; but he drew out a piſtol from his waiſtcoat pocket, and ſhot himſelf through the head.

November 7. By all accounts from America, it appears that General Gage hath actually blocked up the TOWN of Boſton. Is not ſuch blockade going much beyond the directions of the late Act of Parliament, which only orders the HARBOUR of that Town to be blocked up? But the General hath private inſtructions for ſuch proceedings. This meaſure carries a very hoſtile appearance, and will certainly be taken by our fellow ſubjects in America as a manifeſt intention of ſubduing and bringing them under a military power; and the conſequences of it will very probably be a reſiſtance, and produce the worſt of all evils, a CIVIL WAR. Whether right or force will in the end prevail, a civil war is the greateſt misfortune that can happen to this or any other nation; it is certainly highly neceſſary to pauſe a little before we proceed to ſuch extremity, and conſider the occaſion and rectitude of the quarrel. The cauſe of this contention is the right which the Britiſh Parliament aſſumes of TAXING the people in our American colonies, and which right our fellow ſubjects there do poſitively DENY.

A private letter from Boſton ſays, that the populace burn the Commander in Chief in effigy before his own door, in the face of the troops, almoſt every Week.

When the marines get to Boſton, the number of forces within that diſtrict will amount to about 6500 effective men.

It is confidently aſſerted at the weſt end of the town, that the Parliament will not ſit for deſpatch of buſineſs till after Chriſtmas. The reaſon given for this is, that Goverment may procure all the intelligence poſſible from America before the matters are brought again upon the carpet.

BOSTON, *Dec.* 16.

SINCE our laſt arrived the Boyne man of war of 70 guns, from England. The marines, 500 in number, who arrived in the Aſia man of war, from England, are to land and go in barracks in this town, now preparing for their reception.

We are told that the military and naval expenditures at the town of Boſton, ſince the blocking up the harbour, amounts to 60,000 l. ſterling every three months.

We hear that a powerful fleet of the navy of Spain, with a well appointed army of land forces, are aſſembled at the Havanna, which occaſions very ſerious apprehenſions.

The Glaſgow man of war of 20 guns, which was aſhore on Cohaſſet rocks, is got off without receiving much damage, and has come up into this harbour.

Yeſterday was obſerved, agreeable to the recommendation of the Provincial Congreſs, as a day of publick Thankſgiving throughout this province.

NEW YORK, *December* 15.

A VESSEL loaded with upwards of one thouſand buſhels of corn, from Rappahannock, in Virginia, for the ſuffering poor at Boſton, hath been blown off the coaſt, and is got to St. Euſtatia, where the cargo will be ſold and the proceeds remitted to Boſton.

Captain Bernard, who is ſailed for Boſton, had on board, being part of the donations of this city for the poor inhabitants of Boſton, one hundred and eighty barrels of flour, ſix of pork, and twelve firkins of butter; alſo twenty one barrels of wheat and rye, ſent from the inhabitants of Marble Town, in Ulſter county.

Dec. 22. At a meeting of the inhabitants of Providence, it was voted, that the ſum of 125 l. be immediately raiſed by a town tax, for the ſupport and animation of our brethren at Boſton, who are ſuffering in the common cauſe.

We hear that the inhabitants of St. Croix are about to ſend 130 hogſheads of ſugar as a preſent to the town of Boſton. One Gentleman had offered to give ten hogſheads, and to ſend a veſſel with the whole donation, free of Charges.

Laſt Sunday ſailed for Boſton the ſloop Joſeph, Capt. Lindſey, with 214 barrels of fine flour, 22 do. of rye meal, 24 tierces of bread, 5 hogſheads of Indian meal, 2 barrels of pork, 16 firkins of butter, 4 tuns of iron, and a pipe of brandy; a ſecond donation from the inhabitants of this city to the poor of Boſton who are immediate ſufferers by the Boſton port bill.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 7.

To the Right Honourable JOHN *Earl of* DUNMORE, *his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the Colony and Dominion of* VIRGINIA, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame:*

MY LORD,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council, of the Borough of Norfolk, in Common Hall aſſembled, impreſſed with a deep and grateful Senſe of the important Services rendered to this Colony by your Excellency's ſeaſonable and vigorous Exertion in the late Expedition againſt a deceitful and treacherous Enemy, conducted under your Auſpices to ſo fortunate an Iſſue, beg Leave, by this Teſtimony of our general Reſpect, to congratulate your Excellency on the happy Event, and on your ſafe Arrival at the Capital.

While we applaud your Lordſhip's Moderation, in giving Peace to a mercileſs Foe, we cannot but exult in the Happineſs of our Fellow Subjects on the Frontiers, who, by your unremitted Zeal and ſpirited Conduct, have acquired the Bleſſings of Eaſe, Security, and domeſtick Enjoyment.

As we ſincerely participate in every Circumſtance of your publick Glory, neither can we be inſenſible to your private Happineſs in the Birth of a Daughter, and the Recovery of Lady Dunmore; on which joyful Occaſion we beg Leave alſo to add our moſt cordial Congratulations; and we devoutly wiſh, that, to the pleaſing Remembrance of having faithfully diſcharged your important Truſt of Government, you may have ſuperadded the Approbation of your Royal Maſter, the grateful Returns of an happy People, and the Honour of theſe Diſtinctions reflected on a numerous and flouriſhing Family.

His EXCELLENCY'*s Anſwer.*

THE Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council, of the Borough of Norfolk, expreſſive of their Duty and Loyalty to the King, cannot but be extremely acceptable to me.

His Majeſty, in his tender Solicitude for the Safety of his Subjects ſo lately expoſed to the Calamities of an Indian War, having ſignified his full Approbation of the Meaſures which I at firſt adopted for their Relief; and as the Iſſue of that Event, the only Circumſtance of it of which he could not yet be informed, will entirely remove the paternal Anxiety which he ſuffered on the Occaſion, I already enjoy, and have good Reaſon to expect, the Continuance of one Part of that high Recompenſe which the Gentlemen of the Borough of Norfolk have ſo kindly wiſhed me; and the Applauſe which they are pleaſed to beſtow upon me greatly contributes towards another Part, which it is my ardent Ambition to merit.

The Notice which they take of my private Concerns is obliging as their Approbation of my publick Conduct is honourable to me, and both demand my moſt cordial Thanks."

Saturday laſt his Excellency Joſiah Martin, Eſq; Governour of North Carolina, with his Lady and Children, arrived here from New York, and ſet off for Newbern on Wedneday Morning.

On Sunday the 25th Ult. departed this Life, at Lamb's Creek, in King George, Mr. JOHN CHAMPE. He was a Gentleman of a moſt amiable and benevolent Diſpoſition, eſteemed by all who knew him, and died univerſally regretted.

We are informed that Capt. James Eſten of the Ship Hanbury from York River, for London, died on the Paſſage, fourteen Days after he left our Cape. He was many Years Commander in this Trade, and a Man of an unblemiſhed Character.

A few Days ago died Mr. THEOPHILUS FIELD, Merchant of Peterſburg. His Death was occaſioned by a Kick which he unfortunately received from a Horſe.

The Magdalen armed Schooner, Capt. Collins, is arrived at Norfolk, from the Northward; alſo the Hero, Capt. Maxwell, from Cadiz.

The Nelly, M'Larty, from Glaſgow, via Rotterdam, and the Nancy, ———, from Briſtol, are arrived in James River.

It is ſaid that ſeveral Ships are gone up the Bay, and that one is put into Hampton Road diſmaſted; but we have not heard where they are from.

MARRIAGES.] Hon. ROBERT BURWELL, Eſq; to Mrs. BRAXTON of King and Queen.

ROBERT SKIPWITH, Eſq; to Miſs BETSY NICHOLAS of Dinwiddie.

Rev. Mr. ANDREWS, of York, to Miſs BETSY BALLARD, of Princeſs Anne.

Mr. WILLIAM RUSSELL, to Miſs BETSY FARROW, of this City.

ARRIVALS FROM VIRGINIA.

Adventurer, Ponzell, at Plymouth. Liberty, Outram; Hanbury, Brookes, late Eſten; John and Anne, Powers, Planter, Bowers; Diana, Miller; Betſy, Reſs; Riſing Sun, Peterſon; and Betſy, Benſon; at London.

The Proceedings of the Charles City and Richmond Committees are come to Hand, and will be inſerted in our next.

☞ ADVERTISEMENTS *and* ARTICLES *of authenticated* INTELLIGENCE *are thankfully received for this Paper.*

To the PRINTERS.

GENTLEMEN,

AT a Time when every Man of Sentiment, and every Lover of his Country, ſhould be employed in inveſtigating thoſe Rights for which this extenſive Continent is now contending, the following Extract from the Works of one of the moſt celebrated Writers* of the preſent Age cannot fail of affording Pleaſure to ever Breaſt which is animated with the Love of Freedom:

"Poor Genoa! wherefore ſhouldeſt thou be vain of exhibiting a Character of Privileges given thee by one Berenger in the Year 958? Conceſſions of Privileges are but Titles of Servitude; but the true Charter of Liberty is *Independency ſupported by Force*. It is with the Point of the Sword the Diplomas that ratify this natural Privilege muſt be ſigned.

"Happy Helvetia! to what Placart oweſt thou thy Liberty? To thy Courage, to thy Firmneſs, to thy Mountains. But hold—I am your Emperour.—— "I do not chuſe that you ſhould be any longer ſo."—— But your Fathers were my Fathers Slaves. —"It is for that Reaſon their Children will not be yours."—But I have a Right by Dignity.—— "and we have a Right by Nature."

"When did the ſeven United Provinces become poſſeſſed of this inconteſtible Right? From the Moment they united; and from that Moment Philip II. became a Rebel.—— What a glorious Man was William Prince of Orange! He found a Region of Slaves, and he made them free Men."

Such are the Sentiments which flow from the Pen of a Man, who, though born and educated in a Country where Liberty is a Crime, and a blind Submiſſion to the deſpotick Will of the Prince the greateſt Virtue, yet dared to avow them. And ſurely Nothing but the blindeſt Slavery to arbitrary Principles could be unaffected by the liberal Spirit that breaths in them!

I am, Gentlemen, your humble Servant,

SIDNEY.

* *Voltaire.*

To the PRINTERS.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee of Caroline deſire you will publiſh, without any correction whatever, the encloſed apology, made before a numerous aſſembly of people at a meeting of the Committee, by John Morris, merchant in the ſaid county.

SAMUEL HAWS, jun. Clk. Com.

I T Having been proved by the Depoſition of ſeveral Witneſſes that I have made uſe of Certain expreſſions foreign from the Good of this Country. I do therefore Confeſs myſelf Heartily Sorry for it and Concurring in the Aſſociation Hopes that this will Prove Sufficiently ſatisfactory to the Gentlemen of this Country who have had ſo Juſt a Cauſe of Complaint and Confeſſing my Error hopes that my future Behaviour Will be a means of my again Regaining their Eſteem

JOHN MORRIS.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WILLIAMSBURG, January 2, 1775.

HAVING thought fit to entruſt the Settlement of our late Partnerſhip Books, and the Collection of our Debts, to Mr. HENRY LAUGHTON of this City; we ſhall be much obliged to all Perſons in Arrears to us to diſcharge their Accounts by the laſt of the enſuing General Court, after which Time ſuch as remain unpaid will be ſent out to the Sheriffs of the different Counties; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt the Concern, preceding this Date, are deſired to ſend in their Accounts immediately.

ALEXANDER PURDIE.
JOHN DIXON.

THE SHERIFFS who are in Arrear to his Majeſty's Revenue of QUITRENTS are deſired to ſettle their Accounts with the Auditor, and pay their reſpective Balances into the Receiver's Office by the 25th of next *March*; after which Time the Name of every Sheriff who fails to make due Payment will be inſerted in the Gazette.

RICHARD CORBIN, D. R. G.

KING WILLIAM, *December* 29, 1774.

A PRIVATE TUTOR, capable of teaching the *FRENCH* and *LATIN* Languages, is wanted for about ſix Pupils. Such a Perſon, well recommended, will meet with Encouragement by applying to

ROBERT HILL.
SAMUEL GARLICK.

Juſt IMPORTED *from* LIVERPOOL, *and to be diſpoſed of,*

A FINE

FISHING SEINE,

75 Fathom long; 36 Feet deep in the Middle, five eighths of an Inch Meſh; Ends 21 Feet, ſeven eighths of an Inch Meſh; with the neceſſary Apparatus. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber.

LANDON CARTER.

FAUQUIER, *Dec.* 23, 1774.

WHEREAS there has been a Suit depending, ſome Time ſince, in *Great Britain*, which was brought by *Samuel Dorrel, George Turner, John Noble*, &c. Plaintiffs againſt *Wilſon Huggins*, &c. Defendants, it being now determined in Favour of the Plaintiffs, the ſaid *Noble* is hereby requeſted to make Application for his Part, and to pay his Proportion of Expenſes. REUBEN TURNER, Executor of *George Turner*, deceaſed.

ROBERT GILBERT,

SHOEMAKER,

HAS opened Shop in the back Street, at the Place where he formerly lived, oppoſite to Mr. *Richard Charlton*'s, and intends carrying on his Buſineſs in all its Branches, having on Hand a very neat Aſſortment of Leather proper for Boots and Shoes. The many Diſappointments he formerly met with obliges him for the future to ſell entirely for Caſh.—He returns his ſincere Thanks to thoſe who were his former Cuſtomers, and ſhall endeavour to render Satisfaction to all thoſe who may pleaſe to employ him.

☞ *Good Encouragement will be given to a Journeyman who underſtands making of Boots.*

FALLS of POTOWMACK, *Dec.* 22, 1774.

AT a Meeting of the Truſtees for opening the Navigation of *Potowmack* River, held at *George* Town the firſt Day of *December*, 1774, preſent, THOMAS JOHNSON, Jun. Attorney at Law, WILLIAM DEAKINS, ADAM STEUART, THOMAS JOHNS, and THOMAS RICHARDSON, of *George* Town, Merchants, WILLIAM ELLZEY, ROBERT ALEXANDER, and PHILIP ALEXANDER, of *Virginia*, who ordered and directed that the Subſcriber ſhould, on the Credit, and at the Riſk of the above-named Truſtees, hire fifty Slaves to labour in cutting the Canals round the ſeveral Falls of ſaid River: And at another Meeting of Truſtees, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, held at *Alexandria* the 19th Day of the ſame Month, preſent, GEORGE WASHINGTON, JOHN CARLYLE, JOHN DALTON, and WILLIAM RAMSAY, Gentlemen, together with many of the Truſtees at the former Meeting, who recognized and approved of the Order for hiring fifty Slaves, and agreed to become equally liable. In Conſequence of which Order of the Truſtees, I hereby give Notice that I want to hire Negro Men for the enſuing Year, for the Purpoſe above-mentioned. Any Perſon inclining to hire the Whole, or any Part of them, may ſee the Proceedings of the ſaid Truſtees, ſubſcribed by and with their reſpective Hands, in my Cuſtody. 4 JOHN BALLENDINE.

IF any of the Offspring of *John Ellaſon*, deceaſed, are living, they may hear of Something greatly to their Advantage by applying to *Samuel Swann* of *Nanſemond*, or *John Swann* of *Cumberland*.

DECEMBER 22, 1774.

AT a Meeting at *Alexandria*, on the 19th Inſtant, of ſeveral of the Truſtees named in Mr. *John Balendine*'s Plan and Propoſals for extending the Navigation of *Potowmack* River, it was then recommended that another Meeting ſhould ſhortly be held, in Order to form and digeſt proper Plans to be laid before the Aſſemblies of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, reſpecting the ſaid Navigation: NOTICE is therefore given, that the ſaid Meeting will be at *Alexandria*, on the laſt *Thurſday* in *January* next, if fair, if not, on the next fair Day; when and where it is expected that as large a Number of the Truſtees as can make it convenient will give their Attendance.

2‖ RICHARD THOMPSON, Clk.

KING & QUEEN, *January* 3, 1775.

I INTEND to ENGLAND immediately.

‖ CHRISTOPHER TODD.

WANTED,

On Charter for *Cadiz*,

A VESSEL to carry 12 or 1500 Barrels.

INQUIRE OF THE PRINTERS.

TO BE SOLD,

On SATURDAY *the* 28*th Inſtant, at* SMITHFIELD, *in the County of* ISLE OF WIGHT.

A LOT, with a commodious Dwelling-Houſe and other Improvements thereon, ſituate in the ſaid Town, belonging to the Heirs of Mr. *Samuel Wentworth*. Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer until the 25th of *December* next, on giving Bond (with Security) to carry Intereſt from the Day of Sale if not punctually diſcharged.---A proper Title will be made by

THOMAS BROWN,
THOMAS PIERCE,
JOHN DAY,
GOODRICH WILLSON.

JANUARY 5, 1775.
(1‖)

TO BE SOLD

For ready Money, at HANOVER *Courthouſe, on the firſt* THURSDAY *in* FEBRUARY, *by Virtue of a Bill of Sale,*

FIFTEEN VIRGINIA born SLAVES, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children. An indiſputable Title will be made to the Purchaſers. 4

TO BE SOLD,

Under the Direction of the COMMITTEE *for the County of* KING GEORGE, *on* MONDAY *the 16th of next Month, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, at* MORTON'S *Warehouſe, in ſaid County, for ready Money.*

ABOUT three Hundred and forty Pounds *Sterling* prime Coſt of GOODS, imported after the 1ſt Inſt. in the Ship *Houſton*, Capt. *Robert M'Lieſh*, from *Glaſgow*. The Goods are well ſorted, and ſuitable to the Seaſon.

1‖ ANDREW WOODROW.

DECEMBER 26, 1774.

TO BE SOLD,

On the ſecond MONDAY *in* FEBRUARY, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, at* LOUDON *Courthouſe,*

FIFTY likely *Virginia* born NEGROES, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children. Six Months Credit will be allowed for one Half, and twelve Months for the other Half of the Purchaſe Money, the Purchaſers giving Bond and approved Security; the Bonds to carry Intereſt if not diſcharged within twenty Days after they become due. Five per Cent. Diſcount will be allowed for ready Money.

Ten Pounds Reward.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *Staffordſhire* County, two indented SERVANTS, one a *Scotchman*, named *DAVID MATHISON*, a ſtout well made Fellow, by Trade a Gardener, about 25 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 or 10 Inches high, with dark red Hair curled behind, and at the Sides; had on, and took with him, an old blue Surtout Coat, which has been turned, faced and trimmed with the ſame Colour; a green Cloth Jacket, with yellow Metal Buttons; a Pair of red Plush Breeches, fine mixed blue Country Stockings, a mixed blue Cloth Coat and Jacket, lined and trimmed with black; a ſtriped *Virginia* Cloth Jacket, one Shirt of brown Sheeting, ſeveral others of fine Linen, a Pair of Nankeen Breeches, and many other Clothes that cannot be particularized.——The other is an *Engliſhman*, by Name *CHARLES BOOTH*, by Trade a Joiner, aged about 20 or 21 Years, 5 Feet 8 or 10 Inches high, ſlender made, of a fair Complexion, and has white ſhort curled Hair. He had on, and took with him, a Violet or purple coloured Cloth Coat and Waiſtcoat, a Pair of new Buckſkin Breeches, a Pair of old Do. much worn, and very dirty, an old blue Coat lined with white ſhalloon, a new green Cotton Waiſtcoat with Plaid Sleeves, and lined with Oſnabrug, a Pair of dark ribbed Stockings, and ſeveral other Pairs of different Colours, a brown Sheeting Shirt, one fine *Iriſh* Linen Ditto much patched, and ſeveral others; alſo a Silver Watch. They took with them a Gun, a Pair of double Blankets, and a ſpotted Rug, and went away in a Pettiauger.——All Maſters of Veſſels are forewarned from carrying them out of the Country.

WILLIAM BRENT.

CHARLES CITY, *January* 1, 1775.

LESTER's FERRY, on *Chickahomony*, is now rented by the Subſcriber, who will endeavour to keep the ſame in good Order. Gentlemen who have Occaſion to travel that Way may depend on having the beſt of Entertainment, and good Uſage from ‖ JOHN FORSE.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, about a Fortnight ago, a ſmall BAY HORSE, between 13 and 14 Hands high, Switch Tail and hanging Mane, paces faſt, and branded on the near Buttock with two Letters, which I have forgot. Twenty Shillings Reward will be given to any Perſon who brings him to me in *Williamſburg*.

JAN. 6, 1775. 2 EDMUND DICKINSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 29, 1774.

STRAYED, a BAY HORSE and MARE; the Horſe is about 14 Hands and a Half high, hanging Mane and Switch Tail, and has a ſore Back; the Mare is a very dark bay, about 13 Hands high, three white Feet, and her Tail about three Feet long. Twenty Shillings Reward will be given on their being delivered to the Printers.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, on the 29th of *December*, a likely BAY HORSE about 14 Hands and an Inch high, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, his hind Feet white, and has ſeveral roan Spots on his left Thigh; he is about 5 Years old, the Brand (if any) forgot. Whoever brings him to me, in *York* Town, ſhall have 10s. Reward.

JOHN MOSS.

STOLEN out of my Stable, at *Burwell*'s Ferry, in the Night of *Wedneſday* the 4th Inſtant *(January)* a likely MARE about 14 Hands high, ſix Years old, remarkably black, has a Switch Tail, and a Lump on her left Side, which was gored by an Ox when a Foal. Whoever brings her to me, at the ſaid Ferry, ſhall have 20s. Reward, and 5l. on Conviction of the Thief. tf. THOMAS CARTWRIGHT.

STOLEN from my Plantation, in *Amelia* County, the 6th of *November* laſt, a bright bay MARE about 4 Feet 7 Inches high, branded on the near Buttock with three Dots, has ſome Saddle Spots on her Back, paces well, drags her hind Feet, and one of them is white. Whoever delivers her to my Overſeer, or to me in *Cheſterfield* County, ſhall have 20s. Reward, and 5l. on Conviction of the Thief, paid by

2‖ THOMAS WORSHAM.

STRAYED from Mr. *John Dowſing*'s, in *Warwick* County, on *Saturday* the 24th of *December* laſt, two MARES, *viz.* one a ſorrel, 4 Years old, about 4 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, trots, gallops, and paces ſlowly, branded on the near Buttock I P R (the P R in a Piece) but hardly perceivable; has a ſmall Ulcer on her right Cheek, cauſed by the Kick of a Horſe ſome Time ago, and appears to be pretty forward with Foal. The other is a light Iron Gray, 5 Years old, about 4 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high, trots and gallops, and branded on the near Buttock 3. It is imagined they will make for *King William*. Whoever delivers the ſaid Mares to Mr. *Dowſing*, or the Subſcriber, in *King William*, ſhall receive a Dollar Reward for each.

(2‖) JAMES RUSSELL.

TAKEN up, about a Fortnight ago, a NEGRO MAN who ſays his Name is *ROBIN*, and that he belongs to Mr. *Robert Coutts* of *Albemarle*. He is about 28 Years of Age, 5 Feet high, and ſpeaks bad *Engliſh*. The Owner is deſired to apply to the Printers, pay the Expenſe of this Advertiſement, and take him away.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1766.

ORDERED, *That the Clerks of the ſeveral County Courts in this Colony do tranſmit to the Clerk of this Houſe, in the firſt Part of every Meeting of the General Aſſembly, a liſt of the Tithables in their Counties, containing the Names of ſuch Tithables; and that they tranſmit alſo, at the ſame Time, a Liſt of the publick Charges of their reſpective Counties.*

ORDERED, *That the Clerk of this Houſe do cauſe the ſame to be publiſhed in the* Virginia *Gazette.*

By the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

G. WYTHE, C. H. B.

☞ *I have already received Copies of the Liſts of Tithables in* Accomack, Amelia, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Dunmore, Iſle of Wight, King and Queen, King William, Lancaſter, Mecklenburg, Middleſex, Northumberland, Princeſs Anne, *and* Prince William, *and Certificates of the Numbers of Tithables on which the Levies were laid in* Charlotte *and* Halifax, *with the Accounts of the two latter Counties, and of* Lancaſter, *againſt the Publick.*

G. WYTHE.

TO BE SOLD

To the higheſt Bidder, for ready Money, on MONDAY *the 9th of* JANUARY, *at* DAVID RUSSELL'S *Store, in* BLANDFORD, *by the Committee for the County of* PRINCE GEORGE,

ONE Box of BLANK BOOKS, and nine Bales of GERMAN ROLLS, imported in the *Warwick*, Captain *M'Vey*, and conſigned to *David Ruſſell*, Merchant in *Blandford*. By Order of the Committee,

(2‖) HARTWELL RAINES, Clk.

PURSUANT to an Order of the County Court of *King William*, will be let to the loweſt Bidder, on *Thurſday* the 19th of *January*, being Court Day, at the Courthouſe of the ſaid County, the Building of one or two PRISONS, as may then be thought neceſſary. Bond and Security for the due Peformance of the Work will be required of the Undertaker, by the Commiſſioners. (2)

TO BE SOLD,

PURSUANT to a Reſolution of the Committee for *James City* County, before the *Rawleigh* Door, on the third *Thurſday* in *January*, at 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon, for ready Money only, a large Number of GREEN IVORY TABLE KNIVES, PENKNIVES, and a Variety of other Articles, juſt imported.

RICHARD TALIAFERRO, Junior.
WILLIAM SPRATEY,
CHAMPION TRAVIS,
CARY WILKINSON,
JOHN WARBURTON.

MANCHESTER, *Dec.* 21, 1774.

RUN away, about a Month ago, a Negro Slave belonging to me, named HARRY. He is a ſmall black Fellow, about 40 Years of Age, cannot ſpeak *Engliſh* plainly, has been uſed to go by Water for ſome Years paſt, and may probably have hired himſelf on Board ſome Craft. I am told he was ſeen lately employed on Board an Oyſter Boat in *James* River, near the *Hundred*. Thoſe (when diſcovered) employing or harbouring him, may expect to be proſecuted. I will give 40s. Reward for bringing him Home.

JAMES LYLE.

POETS CORNER.

A MORAL REFLECTION

On the laſt Day of the Year 1774.

SEVENTEEN Hundred Seventy Four,
Is now forever paſt;
Seventeen Hundred Seventy Five
Will fly away as faſt.

But, whether Life's uncertain Scene
Shall hold an equal Pace,
Or whether Death ſhall come between,
And end my mortal Race;

Or whether Sickneſs, Pain, or Health,
My future Lot ſhall be;
Or whether Poverty or Wealth,
Is all unknown to me.

One Thing I know, that needful 'tis
To watch with careful Eye;
Since every Seaſon ſpent amiſs
Is regiſter'd on High.

Too well I know what precious Hours
My wayward Paſſions waſte;
And, Oh! I feel my mortal Powers
To Duſt and Darkneſs Haſte.

Earth rolls her rapid Seaſons round,
To meet her final Fire;
But Virtue is with Glory crown'd,
Though Suns and Stars expire.

What awful Thoughts! what Truth ſublime!
What uſeful Leſſon this!
Oh! let me well improve my Time!
Oh! let me die in Peace!

TO BE SOLD

At publick Sale, on the 14th of JANUARY *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

FOUR Hundred and ſixty ſeven Acres of LAND in *Caroline* County, near *Port Royal*. We would recommend it to thoſe who are inclinable to purchaſe to apply to Mr. *William Gray*, who will attend the Place two or three Days before the Day of Sale, in Order to ſhow the Land. Two Years Credit will be allowed, upon giving Bond with Security; and if the Money is not paid when due, the Bond to carry Intereſt from the Date.

WILLIAM FAUNTLEROY.
MOORE FAUNTLEROY.

COMMITTED to *Hanover* County Jail, the 2d of *November* laſt, a Negro Man who ſays his Name is JAMES, but cannot or will not declare his Owner's Name. He is about five Feet ſeven Inches high; had on a Negro Cotton Jacket, Oſnabrug Shirt and Trouſers. The Owner is deſired to take him away, and pay Charges.

PAUL THILMAN, Jailer.

COMMITTED to *Weſtmoreland* County Jail, on *Tueſday* the 13th Ult. three *African* Slaves, two Men and one Woman, who either refuſe or cannot tell their Owner or Owners Names; but, as well as I can underſtand them, they belong to *John Thorn*, or *Thornton*, and call themſelves *Sampſon*, *Adam*, and *Betty*. The Owner, or Owners, are deſired to come for them, and pay Charges.

(‖) JAMES MUSE, Jailer.

TAKEN up, in *Spotſylvania*, two STEERS, three Years old laſt Spring, both dark Brindle; one has ſome White about his Flanks, and is ſpeckled about his Knees; both marked with a Swallowfork in the left Ear; one has two Nicks in the under Part of the right Ear, and the other has but one. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l. (‖) JAMES HUTCHERSON.

TAKEN up, in *Spotſylvania*, two STEERS; they appear to have been worked, are about five Years old each, marked with a Crop in the left Ear, and a Slit in the right. One is a dark Brindle, with ſome White under his Belly; the other is red and white, near an equal Quantity of each Colour. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7l. (‖) JOHN HOLLADAY, Junior.

TAKEN up, in *Prince Edward*, a RED STEER, his Head ſomewhat darker than his Body, four or five Years old, and marked with a ſmooth Crop in the right Ear, and the left long. Poſted, and appraiſed to 45s. (‖) RICE SCOTT.

TAKEN up, in *Prince Edward*, a SORREL MARE about four Feet four or five Inches high, four or five Years old, a Star in her Forehead, but has no Brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l. 10s. (‖) RICE SCOTT.

TAKEN up, in *Amherſt*, a ſmall GRAY MARE about four Feet one Inch high, middle aged, has ſeveral dark Spots on the fore Parts of her Shoulders, appears to have been burnt under her Tail, has a Lump on one Leg, and branded on the near Shoulder F, and on the near Buttock P. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l. (‖) THOMAS MATTHEWS.

TAKEN up, in *Pittſylvania*, a BAY HORSE about eight Years old, four Feet ſeven Inches high, ſome Saddle Spots on both Sides, ſome white Hairs in his Forehead, his left hind Foot white, and a little White on the back Part of his right hind Foot, a ſhort Tail, but no Brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l. (‖) WILLIAM PRICE.

TAKEN up, in *Spotſylvania*, a ſmall SORREL HORSE about 4 Feet 3 Inches high, has a Blaze Face, more over the right Eye than the left, a ſmall white Spot on his right Hip, a ſhort Sprig Tail, his Mane hangs on the right Side, trots, but has no perceivable Brand. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l.

(‖) JOHN WILSON.

TAKEN up, in *Eſſex*, a middle ſized STEER about nine Years old, of a reddiſh Colour, his two hind Feet white, both Horns ſawed, and marked with a Crop and Overkeel in each Ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. 10s.

JOHN SAMUEL.

TAKEN up, in *Pittſylvania*, a YELLOW BAY MARE two or three Years old, a ſmall Blaze in her Face, her near Jaw Bone ſeems as if it had been broke, but is now well, all her Feet are white, has a hanging Mane, but is not dockt, and branded on the near Buttock O. Poſted, and appraiſed to 12l.

(‖) THOMAS BOAZE.

TAKEN up at my Plantation, laſt Fall was twelve Months, a SPOTTED SHOAT, neither marked nor cut, but ſince that Time I have had him cut. The Owner may have him, or his Value, on proving his Property, and applying to the Subſcriber, in *Henrico*.

(‖) DABNEY PETTUS.

THE PARTNERSHIP between *Charles Hammond* and myſelf being diſſolved, the ſeveral Perſons indebted to the Stores kept by him on *Broad Run*, and in *Fauquier* County, are to ſettle with, and pay their reſpective Balances to,

CUTHBERT HARRISON.

TO BE SOLD,

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND in *James City* County, in the Fork of *Taſtanaſk* Creek, about ten Miles from *Williamſburg*, and joining the Plantations of *John Blair*, Eſq; and Mr. *John Shermer*. It contains about 550 Acres, which are plentifully ſtocked with fine Timber of all Sorts, has a good Marſh, excellent Water, there is an Abundance of Fiſh and Wildfowl in their Seaſons, and Oyſters may be had with little Trouble; and there is a Dwelling-Houſe, Quarter, Barn, Corn Crib, Poultry Houſe, *&c.* Any Perſon inclining to purchaſe may view the Land, and know the Terms, by applying to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſes.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

TO BE SOLD

To the higheſt Bidder, at AMELIA *Courthouſe, on the 10th of* JANUARY,

TWENTY very likely SLAVES, to ſatisfy a Debt due to *James* and *Robert Donald* and Co. Credit will be allowed till the 10th of *October*, 1775. Bond and Security to be given to the ſaid Company; and if Payment is not made to the Day, the Bonds to carry Intereſt from their Date.

WILLIAM WATSON.

TO BE SOLD,

On WEDNESDAY *the 25th of this Inſtant* (JANUARY) *at the* ROCKY RIDGE,

THIRTY valuable VIRGINIA born SLAVES, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for one Half of the Purchaſe Money, and two Years for the Remainder. Bond and Security will be required, to carry Intereſt from the Date, if not punctually paid to

PHILIP W. CLAIBORNE's Executors.

Wanted immediately,

A JOURNEYMAN SHOEMAKER that underſtands the Buſineſs well in all its Branches. Such a One, coming well recommended, for an honeſt, induſtrious, ſober Man, will meet with Encouragement to his Satisfaction, a good Seat of Work, and his Money paid every *Saturday* Night if he chooſes it. Inquire for the Subſcriber, near the upper Church, in *Middleſex* County. (tf) SAMUEL DANIEL.

DECEMBER 12, 1774.

LEFT at my Lodgings in *Williamſburg*, by ſome Gentleman doing Buſineſs with me during the late Meeting, Transfer Notes for near 1000 Weight of Tobacco at *Rocky Ridge*. The Owner may receive them by applying to me, at *Warwick*.

ROBERT DONALD.

FOR SALE,

A

POST CHARIOT,

Which has been moderately and carefully uſed, with Harneſs for four Horſes.—For Terms apply to Mr. *Daniel Payne* in *Falmouth*, or the Printers of this Paper.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away laſt Night, from *Dorſey*'s Forge, three Servant Men, *viz.*——WILLIAM GEORGE, born in *England*, about 34 Years of Age, five Feet ſeven Inches high, has a down Look, light coloured ſhort Hair, Pock marked, round ſhouldered, has had his left Wriſt broke, which occaſions it to be much larger than his right, and is a Carpenter and Joiner by Trade; had on, and took with him, one Check Shirt, one Oſnabrug Ditto, old Leather Breeches, light blue Jacket without Sleeves, ſmall round Hat, bound with black Worſted Binding, and has a ſmall Piece of Crape tied round the Crown, a Pair of ribbed Worſted Stockings, and a Pair of Pumps with Steel Buckles. Had on an Iron Collar.——SOLOMON BURNHAM, born in *Yorkſhire*, and ſpeaks in that Dialect, profeſſes himſelf to be a complete Farmer, about 26 Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high, ſwarthy Complexion, a down Look, and ſhort black curled Hair; had on, and took with him, an Oſnabrug Shirt, blue gray Jacket without Sleeves, Leather Breeches, a coarſe Hat about Half worn, a Pair of Yarn Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes and Buckles. Had on an Iron Collar.——SAMUEL CHAPMAN, an *Engliſhman*, 28 Years of Age, five Feet ſeven Inches high, a luſty well made Fellow, a little round ſhouldered, is of a ſwarthy Complexion, has a large bony Face, thick Lips, and a very full Set of Teeth; had on, and took with him, a Cloth Jacket, an Oſnabrug Shirt, a Check Do. Oſnabrug Trouſers, two Pair of Stockings, new Shoes with Buckles, and a new Felt Hat.——Whoever takes up the ſaid Servants, and brings them to the Subſcribers, ſhall have if twenty Miles from home 30s. if thirty Miles 40s. and if ſixty Miles 5l. for each, including what the Law allows, and reaſonable Charges.

SAMUEL DORSEY, Jun.
(6) EDWARD NORWOOD.

MARYLAND, *September* 25, 1774.

FOR SALE,

MY DWELLING-HOUSE, *&c.* in *York* Town. Five Years Credit will be allowed, the Purchaſer give Bond (with approved Security) bearing Intereſt from the Time the Bargain is concluded upon. For Terms apply to me, in this Town.

(tf) JOHN H. NORTON.

YORK TOWN, *November* 23, 1774.

FOR CHARTER,

The BRIGANTINE

A B B Y,

JONAS HERBERT MASTER,

BURTHEN about 240 Hogſheads, or 8000 Buſhels. For Terms apply to (tf)

GREENWOOD, RITSON, & MARSH.

NORFOLK, *November* 5, 1774.

THE DISTILLERY at *Alexandria* in *Virginia*, with other Improvements, to be let for a Term of Years. Inquire of Mr. *William Holt* at *Williamſburg*, *William Davies*, Eſq; at *Norfolk*, Mr. *George Gilpin*, or Meſſ. *Harper* & *Hartſhorne*, at *Alexandria*, Mr. *John Cornthwait*, at *Baltimore*, or of *Daniel Roberdeau*, Eſq; at *Philadelphia*. The Diſtillery and Improvements conſiſt of a Diſtillery built of Stone, 72 Feet by 39; a Stone Store 50 by 50, with Granaries, in two Stories above the Ground Floor, and a Sail or Rigging Loft above, the whole Length of the Building; a Molaſſes Store, framed, that will contain 140 Hogſheads; and a framed Cooper's Shop 16 by 23, with a ſuitable Chimney. The Diſtillery is furniſhed with two new Stills about the ſame Size, that will hold to work 2500 Gallons; and the Working Ciſterns, twenty in Number, will contain the ſame Quantity each. It is alſo furniſhed with a third Still, that contains to work 600 Gallons, for Low Wines. Each of theſe Stills have ſuitable Worms and Worm Tubs. There is alſo a ſuitable Low Wine Ciſtern, and five very ample Return Ciſterns outſide of the Houſe, and under Cover. The Whole, and every Part of the Improvements, are entirely new, executed by Workmen from *Philadelphia*, and the Diſtillery under the immediate Eye and Direction of a Gentleman of eminent Capacity in Diſtillation. The Works are ſupplied with good cool Water from an ample Spring, by two Pumps with Braſs Chambers ſix Inches Diameter; and the Ciſterns are charged with two other Pumps, with Chambers of Block Tin five Inches Diameter, through Suction Pipes of yellow Poplar. All theſe Pumps are worked by a Horſe, in an adjoining Mill-houſe of large Diameter, well conſtructed. There is alſo a Woodyard, boarded ſeven Feet, that will contain much more than neceſſary for the Diſtillery, into which the Wood may be thrown from the Water. The Whole of theſe Improvements are ſituated in *Alexandria*, below the Bank the Diſtillery on faſt Ground, and the Ciſterns fixed above the higheſt Tide Waters; the Stores and Yard on a Wharf which, with the publick Wharf adjoining, of 66 Feet, makes an Extent of more than 200 Feet in Width, 156 Feet of which run 300 Feet into *Potowmack*.

As it does not ſuit the Owner of theſe Improvements to remove his Reſidence from *Philadelphia*, he will let them at a moderate Rent, with a Contract for 300 Cords of Aſh Wood yearly, or five Years, cut into four Feet Lengths, and delivered on the *Maryland* Shore, directly oppoſite to the Diſtillery, and ſo near the Water as to render any Carriage unneceſſary, by the Heirs of *Thomas Addiſon*, Eſq; deceaſed, at the Rate of a Dollar per Cord.

Any Perſon inclining to leaſe the Premiſes, may be furniſhed, on a ſpeedy Application, with about 160 Hogſheads of good well choſen Molaſſes, with Indulgence for Payment. Inquire as above. (tf)

TO BE SOLD

At BLANDFORD, *to the higheſt Bidders, on* TUESDAY *the 17th of this Inſtant* (JANUARY) *if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

FIFTEEN or twenty valuable *Virginia* born NEGROES, conſiſting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls. Credit will be allowed for one Half till the 25th of *April* 1775, and for the other till the 25th of *April* 1776, the Purchaſers giving Bond, with approved Security, to

(6) PATRICK RAMSAY.

PRINCE GEORGE, *November* 10, 1774.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, a Mulatto Boy named SAM, about 16 or 17 Years old, of a very light Complexion, and will endeavour to paſs for a free Boy, has gray Eyes, brown Hair, a ſmooth artful Tongue, is a great Villain, but a very good Barber. In the Month of *June* laſt he was put in *York* Jail, on Suſpicion of having ſtolen ſome Money in *Williamſburg*. He made his Eſcape from thence and got to *Norfolk*, where he was put in Jail and ſent to me by Water. The next Day (*September* 20th) he made his Eſcape from my Overſeer, and has not ſince been heard of. He was born in *Frederick* Town, *Maryland*, has lived in *Fredericksburg*, *Norfolk*, and *York* Town, and is well acquainted with moſt Parts of *Virginia*. He was very meanly clad, having been ſo long in Jail, but it is probable will procure Clothes. I will give 40 s. Reward to have him committed to any of his Majeſty's Jails, if taken in the Colony of *Virginia*, and if out of the Colony 5 l. All Captains of Ships, or Maſters of Veſſels, are hereby forewarned from carrying him out of the Country, or employing him.

(tf) JOHN BLAND.

NEW YORK, *July* 27, 1774.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD,

WHEREAS, on the 19th of *June* laſt paſt, a certain JOSEPH THORP was intruſted with a conſiderable Sum in Half Johanneſſes, of nine Pennyweight, to be delivered by him at *Quebec*, and as he has not yet made his Appearance there, with other ſuſpicious Circumſtances, it is apprehended he is gone off with the Money. He is a Native of *England*, about ſix Feet high, ſwarthy Complexion, very dark keen Eyes, and pitted with the Smallpox, of a ſlender Make, ſtoops as he walks, talks rather ſlow, with ſome ſmall Impediment in his Speech. He lived ſome Time in *Boſton*, from whence he removed to *Quebec*, aſſuming the Character of a Merchant in both Places; he was alſo once in Trade in *Newcaſtle*, *Virginia*, and has a Brother ſettled there. It is believed he went on Board Captain *John F. Pruym*, of *Albany*, and took with him a blue Caſimir and a dark brown Cloth Suit of Clothes. Whoever ſecures the ſaid *Joſeph Thorp*, in any of his Majeſty's Jails on this Continent, ſhall be entitled to ten per Cent. on the Sum recovered, and the above Reward of 50 l. when convicted. Apply to *Curſon* and *Seton* of *New York*, *Joſeph Wharton*, Junior, of *Philadelphia*, *Robert Chriſtie* of *Baltimore*, *James Gibſon* and Co. of *Virginia*, *John Bondfield* of *Quebec*, *Melatiah Bourne* or *John Rowe* of *Boſton*. It is requeſted of thoſe who may have ſeen this *Joſeph Thorp*, ſince the 19th of *June* laſt paſt, or know any Thing of the Route he has taken, that they convey the moſt early Intelligence thereof to any of the above Perſons, or *Greenwood*, *Ritſon*, and *Marſh*, in *Norfolk*, or to *Robert Pleaſants* and Co. at *Four Mile* Creek, *Henrico* County; the Favour will be gratefully acknowledged. All Maſters of Veſſels are forewarned from taking him off the Continent. (tf)

TO BE SOLD, *or* RENTED,

(Preference will be given to the firſt)

A PLANTATION on *Allen's* Creek in *Mecklenburg*, within a Mile of *Roanoke*, conſiſting of about 120 Acres of Land, the Property of Meſſ. *Alexander Donald* and Co. and whereon the Subſcriber now lives. The Land of itſelf is valuable, excluſive of the Improvements, which are a good Dwelling-Houſe, with other neceſſary Outhouſes, and a large and convenient Storehouſe, 32 by 44 Feet. There are about 20 Acres of the low Ground well ſet in Timothy and Clover, and notwithſtanding this dry Summer, 15 Acres of it have yielded above 30,000 Weight of Hay, which, with about 300 Buſhels of Oats in the Straw, ſome *Indian* Corn, 40 Head of Cattle, 50 Head of Sheep, and ſome Hogs, will be ſold on reaſonable Terms. The Purchaſer may have Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes as ſoon as he pleaſes, and long Credit (if required) will be allowed for the Land, on his giving Bond and Security. It is expected the Store will be continued, and of Courſe the Purchaſer will have the Benefit of the Board of the Storekeepers, and beſides the Situation of the Place (being on *Taylor*'s Ferry Road) makes it well calculated for a Tavern

(tf) EBENEZER MACHARG.